



March 19, 2015

Ben Wade
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Re: 95% Progress Report on the Town of Erie's Drought Plan Development

Dear Ben Wade,

The Town of Erie (Erie) has completed 95% of the level of effort necessary to develop a final draft of its Drought Management Plan. Per requirements of CWCB's *Grant Guidelines for Drought Mitigation Plans*, this letter addresses the following: success of meeting previously identified goals and objectives; encountered obstacles; preliminary findings and accomplishments; and revisions to the schedule.

The main objectives of this planning effort are to develop an effective drought management plan that integrates the knowledge of Erie staff with the values of the community while remaining on schedule. We have held two Drought Committee meetings that were attended by the deputy director of public works, water and wastewater operations manager, chief water plant operator, public works operations and maintenance supervisor, the parks maintenance and division manager and public outreach facilitator. We have also held a meeting with the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern) to discuss the drought planning efforts and operations during drought conditions which was useful in developing drought triggers.

With exception to meeting our original schedule, we have currently not encountered any specific obstacles with the plan development. One particular challenge we identified during this planning effort is that Erie has grown and changed substantially since 2002. While many municipalities

throughout the Front Range are able to use the 2002 drought as a benchmark for identifying historical drought impacts, impacts Erie experienced during the 2002 drought are not necessarily applicable to Erie's current and future water supply and demand situation. We plan to address this particular challenge by focusing more on Erie's historical 2012 drought impacts and potential future impacts.

To date, we have developed a draft of the Drought Management Plan and are in the process of initiating the 60-day public review. This public review process is anticipated to be completed by June 1, 2015. Assuming the public Review Process is complete by June 1, 2015, the Drought Management Plan will be taken to the Town of Erie Board of Trustees June 16, 2015 and submitted by June 17, 2015 to the CWCB for review as indicated in the attached updated schedule.

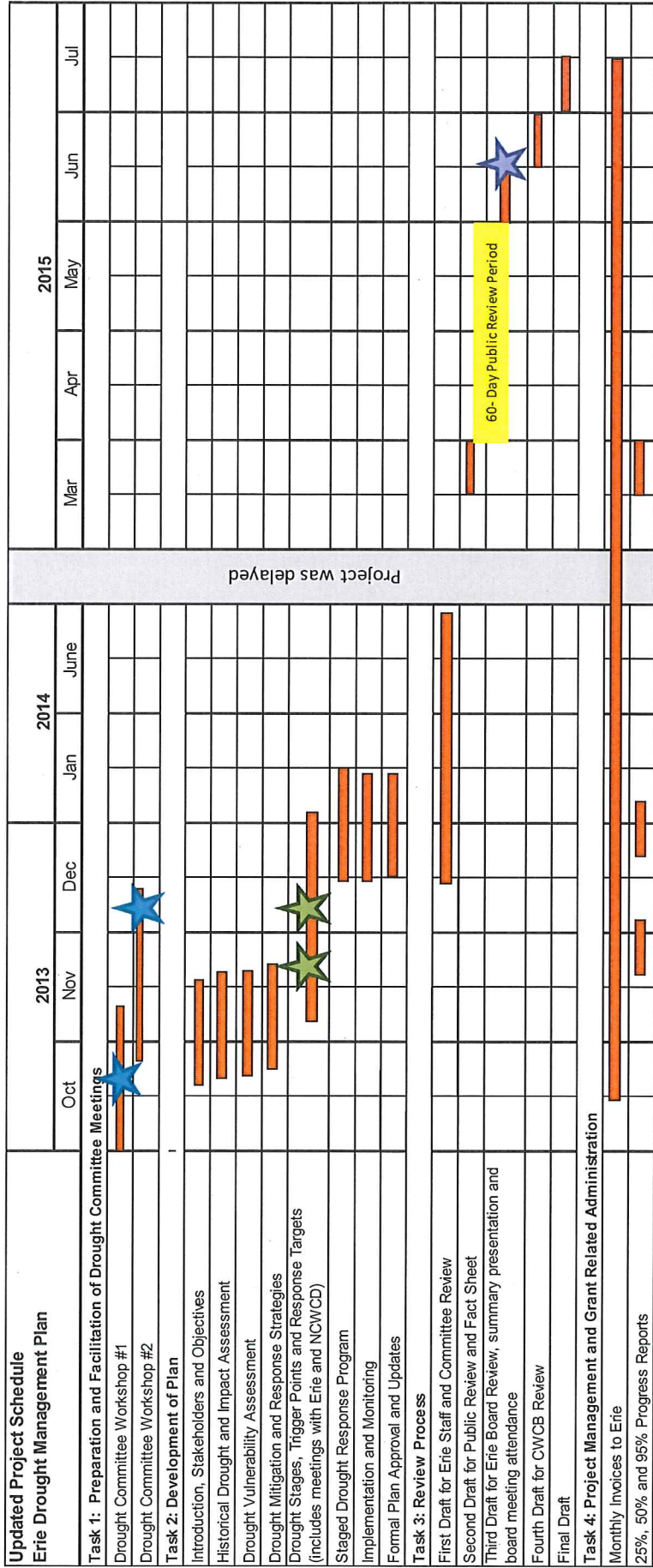
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,




A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell Pennington", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Russell Pennington, PE
Deputy Director of Public Works

Updated Schedule



* Assumes the CWCB grant is approved at the beginning of June.

-  Drought Committee Workshop
-  NCWCD and Erie Staff Meetings
-  Board Meeting